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REMARKS

The Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection.  
Claims 15-20 are pending.

Claims 15 and 18 were objected to under 37 CFR §1.75(a) as containing informalities said to render the claim language indefinite. The Applicants have amended claims 15 and 18 in accordance with the Examiner's helpful suggestions, noting that the "wide" and "narrow" sides are now termed first and second sides, respectively, to ensure that the "rectangular" sheet is construed to cover any rectangular sheet, such as a square sheet, that accords with the definition of a rectangle.

Claims 15 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Tuttle, et al., US 5,779,839 (Tuttle). The Applicants traverse as follows.

Fig. 3 of Tuttle shows a plan view of conductive patterns on a base member 30 and a cover member 42 prior to covering the base member with the cover member to constitute the finished product (a transceiver). The base member 30 and the cover member 42 are joined at an intersecting line 44, such that the cover member 42 is folded along the intersecting line 44 to mate and seal together the outer boundary of the cover member 42 and the outer boundary of the base member 30 in the

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finished product. The finished product is not taught to be foldable.

To emphasize a distinction between the present invention and the art represented by Tuttle, claims 15 and 18 have been amended to recite that the electronic circuit chip-mounted sheet (that is, the foldable rectangular sheet having the electronic circuit chip mounted thereto) comprises a finished product that is foldable along at least one fold line of the foldable rectangular sheet. Thus, the claims are more clearly distinguishable from Tuttle, whose finished product is not said to be foldable along a fold line of a sheet, including along intersecting line 44.

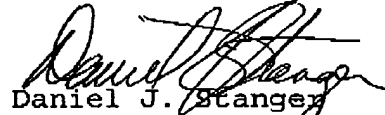
Claims 16-17 and 19-20 are said to contain allowable subject matter. The Applicants have amended these claims consistent with the disclosure at pages 2-3, for example, and not to avoid any prior art.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of the claims.

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